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The corrected Appeal Brief filed on July 5, 2005 is non-responsive. Applicant has failed to correct the issues indicated in the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed to applicant on June 6, 2005. In particular, the status of claims 1, 4, and 8 has not been indicated on the appeal brief. The status of claim 1, 4, and 8 must be stated as "claims 1, 4, and 8 are rejected" in the statement of the status of all claims. Further, only claims on appeal are to be listed in the claim appendix and these claims are to be presented without status modifiers. Applicant still has not provided a proper summary of the claimed subject matter. In particular, what reference character pertains to the shaft, the ball, the retaining member, the housing, etc. Further, the means plus function in the independent claims has not been identified. Applicant must reference the specification by page and line number and identify the specific structure defining the means. Reference to a dependent claim does not satisfy this requirement.

Applicant should note that the period to response **continues to run** from the date the notice of non-compliant appeal brief was mailed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 571-272-7083. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30-5:30. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached at 571-272-7087.

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